

The Quality of Finished Intelligence on Central America

As one step toward improving the quality of intelligence, CIA has just completed an internal evaluation of the quality of the past year's finished intelligence on Central America. That study concluded:

- Most of our published work ranged from good to excellent, but there are substantial gaps in our knowledge and in our research plans.
- We have done better in reporting and analysis on specific events and countries than on identifying trends or predicting the future.
- Our analytic work has been constrained by resource shortages in the Directorate of Intelligence,

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As a result of that study and other events, a number of changes have been made or are in train to improve our collection analytic capabilities:

- In both the DO and the DI, several experienced officers will be shifted to Central America from other accounts by the end of the summer. *WHE*
- The primary responsibility of the added DO officers will be collection; the primary responsibility of the added DI officers will be in-depth research and analysis on the subjects we know least about.

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